

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-231-C - ORDER NO. 96-469
JULY 11, 1996

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IN RE: Request for Approval of an Interconnection)	ORDER
Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunica-)	APPROVING
tions, Inc. and Intermedia Communications,)	AGREEMENT
Inc.)	AND
)	AUTHORIZING
)	HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint request for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and Intermedia Communications, Inc. (Intermedia), pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).

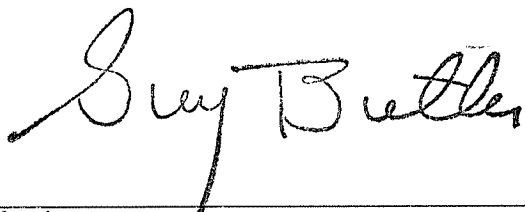
The Commission has examined this agreement, and finds that it is consistent with the standards set out by Section 252(a)(1) of the Act, and should be approved as filed, since it is not discriminatory, and is consistent with the public interest, in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of this interconnection agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

We further hold that a public hearing may be held by the Commission relating to the provisions of Section 271 of the Act,

and consistent with any guidelines or recommendations set forth regarding this matter by the Federal Communications Commission. BellSouth is to notify the Commission of its intent to submit an application to the Federal Communications Commission for certification under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in sufficient time to allow the Commission to conduct their review and hearing. BellSouth is to provide such notification to the Commission in conjunction with any Section 251 or 252 filing which would trigger its application under Section 271. The burden of proof shall be on BellSouth to demonstrate compliance with all requirements of Section 271 of the Act. In addition, we instruct the Commission Staff to collect information as it pertains to requirements under Section 271 consistent with the information deemed necessary under that Section of the Act and as set forth through guidelines or recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

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